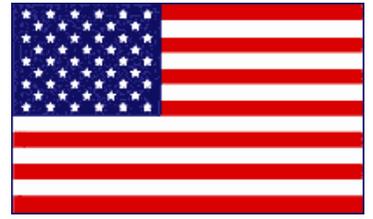




# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division  
Vancouver, Washington Division  
Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
Salem, OR Bend, OR  
Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)*



## **NOTICE OF VACANCY\*Amended 5/13/09**

<b>1. <u>Announcement Number</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>T38-09-0185-JB</b></p>	<b>2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pharmacist (Assistant Chief) FS GS-660-14 \$111,265 to \$136,303 per annum (Based on full-time employment)</b></p>	<b>3. <u>Tour of Duty</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>M-F</b></p>	<b>4. <u>Duty Station</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pharmacy Service, Portland Division</b></p>
<b>5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Permanent 1 Full time positions</b></p>	<b>6. <u>Contact</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236</b></p>	<b>7. <u>Opening Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4/28/09</b></p>	<b>8. <u>Closing Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*6/12/09</b></p>

**WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Any US Citizen

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

The Assistant Chief, Pharmacy Service reports directly to the Chief, Pharmacy Service. He/she is responsible for providing leadership, direction, planning and implementation of comprehensive inpatient and ambulatory care pharmacy activities, and clinical services. Performs a full range of personnel, budget and operational management duties and is responsible for coordinating the development of and maintaining an effective clinical pharmacy program, patient care interactive programs such as medication counseling, disease management, and laboratory drug level reviews.

**THIS POSITION IS IN THE NON-BARGAINING UNIT**

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Eligibility:** Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G15) for GS-660 Series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

**Basic Requirements**

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Graduate of a degree program in pharmacy from an approved college or university. The degree program must have been approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)
- Must be a current licensed pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, Commonwealth of the Unites States (i.e., Puerto Rico), or the District of Columbia with at least one year of professional experience at the next lower grade or equivalent experience in private sector.
- Applicants must be able to distinguish basic colors.

**Specialized Experience:**

**GS -14** - Individuals assigned as service chief or assistant service chief must have the equivalent of 1 year of creditable experience comparable to the next lower grade level. The experience must evidence possession of supervisory and management skills.

Assignment as an Assistant Chief is restricted to those serving as a full assistant to the Chief of Pharmacy Service. These individuals are to share, with the Chief of Pharmacy Service, full responsibility for managing and supervising all phases of Pharmacy Service operations. In addition, the assignment must fully meet the definition of a managerial/supervisory position found in the Office of Personnel Management's Supervisory Grade Evaluation Guide. The Assistant Service Chief is to be one grade less than the appropriate grade of the Chief of Pharmacy Service.

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### **BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))**

***On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position:***

1. Describe your knowledge and experience with Clinical Pharmacy programs, Pharmaceutical Care, and staff development.
2. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing with administrative and clinical personnel, supervisors, and health care system management.
3. Ability to develop measures and monitors.
4. Ability to establish program objectives or performance goals and assess progress toward their achievement.
5. Describe your knowledge of budget management, procurement and Pharmacoeconomics and provide examples of initiatives and your level of involvement.
6. Ability to stress accountability and continuous improvement to make timely and effective decision and to produce results through strategic planning and implementation and evaluation of programs and policies.
7. Past experience in sustaining and enhancing a pharmacy residency program
8. Knowledge of the standards related to distribution and control of scheduled and non-scheduled drugs (including research and investigational drugs). This includes but not limited to DEA, DFE, the State and Joint Commission
9. Knowledge of medical facility drug distribution systems.

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been excepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213).
- Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future
- Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.
- A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.
- Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.
- Relocation incentive may be authorized.
- Recruitment incentive may be authorized.
- A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38 USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).
- [VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.
- This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.
- It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**Portland VAMC Permanent Employees** must submit a

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)

**Other VA Permanent Employees** must submit

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV

3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses
6. Latest performance appraisal

**Non VA Applicants** must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
4. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (FOR 5 POINT Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. Copies of all current licenses.
7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on \*6/12/09.**

Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website,

<http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr> .

*Applications may be mailed to:*

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

**Attn: T38-09-0185-JB**

PO Box 1034

Portland, OR 97207

*Or brought in person to:*

Portland VA Medical Center

3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd

Building 16, Room 300

Portland OR 97239

**APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.
- Foreign Education: To receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**